

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:) Confirmation No.: 3549
Yasuyuki ARAI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2612
Serial No.: 10/594,308) Examiner: Jack K. Wang
Filed: September 27, 2006)
For: PRODUCT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM)
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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed June 8, 2010, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 27, 2006; January 15, 2009; and February 12, 2010.

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 6, 9, 10 and 13 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 3 of the Official Action rejects claims 1-5, 7 and 8 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,563,425 to Nicholson. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because the Official Action has not established an anticipation rejection. Paragraph 5 of the Official Action rejects claim 6 as obvious based on Nicholson '425.